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My name is Maureen Lynes and I am a resident of Scarborough Maine, a mother to 10 and 6 year old girls, and a biologist. I am writing in strong support of the LD2268/83 gun safety legislation under discussion.

Gun safety legislation is important to me as a Mainer. I know that our state has a robust hunting and sport culture, and I am supportive of responsible gun ownership; however, I strongly believe that the proposed true extreme risk protection order will save lives while preserving the rights of responsible gun owners.

Gun safety legislation is also important to me as a mother. I think about school shootings every day when I put my kids on the bus. I will always worry about guns in the hands of people who should not have them, but knowing that LD2268 are in place will be a step in the right direction. I will never forget how my oldest daughter Grace refused to play outside for a week following the Lewiston shooting, and how she came into my bed for the first time since she was a toddler. She was anxious and scared of this happening to our family and how could I truthfully tell her not to worry when I worry myself? The presence of a true extreme risk protective order could have prevented both her fear and the grief of those who lost loved ones that day. I am urging you to support this legislation which will undoubtedly save lives in Maine.

Thank you for your time,  
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